

PHARMACY AIDES help licensed pharmacists with the administrative duties in running a pharmacy. Aides are clerks or cashiers who answer telephones, handle money, clean pharmacy equipment, stock shelves, and perform other clerical duties. They work closely with pharmacy technicians. Aides refer any questions regarding prescriptions, drug information, or health matters to a pharmacist.

Pharmacy Aides maintain patient profiles, prepare insurance claim forms, and stock and take inventory of prescription and over-the-counter medications. They inform the supervisor of stock needs to ensure that the pharmacy has critical medications available to meet customer needs.

Requirements

- ▲ High school diploma or equivalent.
- ▲ No history of drug abuse.
- ▲ Strong interpersonal and communications skills.
- ▲ Strong spelling, reading, and mathematics skills.
- ▲ Good manual dexterity.
- ▲ Good computer skills.
- ▲ Detail oriented.
- ▲ Ability to work as part of a team.
- ▲ Fingerprint clearance may be required by employer.

Wages

- ▲ Pharmacy Aides
Median hourly wage: \$10.42
- ▲ Average annual wage: \$23,184

Source: Occupational Employment Survey of Employers 2006 by EDD/LMID.

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Job Outlook

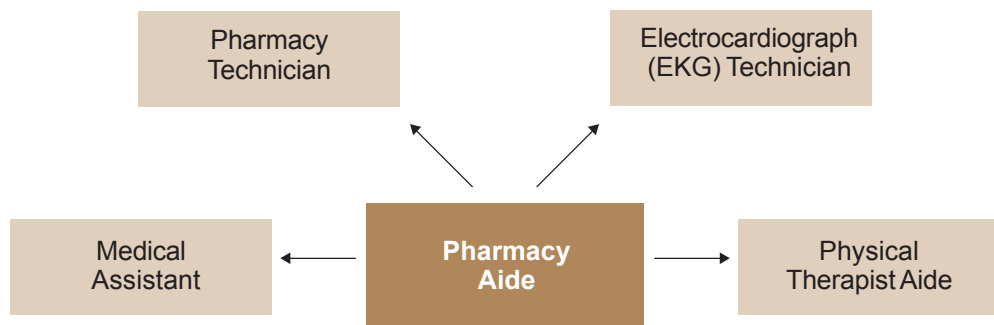
▲ Estimated number of Pharmacy Aides in 2004:	7,700
▲ Estimated number of Pharmacy Aides in 2014:	9,100
▲ Estimated annual job openings:	280

Source: Occupational Projections, EDD/LMID.

Sources of Information

- ▲ California Board of Pharmacy
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Possible Career Paths



The skills, knowledge, and abilities acquired for the primary occupation provide a solid foundation for further growth in health career occupations. Additional education or training is often required.